



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023-2024

Please sign additional Section and Division certification forms if required

MEMBER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME

PREFERRED FIRST NAME EMAIL

FIRM NAME

PHONE NUMBER

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP COUNTY

LAW SCHOOL/PARALEGAL SCHOOL

FIRST DATE LICENSED (IF APPLICABLE)

NC BAR / NCCP # GRADUATION DATE

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION | OPTIONAL

Gender	Political Affiliation	Racial/Ethnic Background
Female	Democrat	African American
Male	Independent	Asian American
Non-Binary	Republican	Bi-racial/Multi-racial
Other	Other	Caucasian
		Hispanic
		Native American
		Other

Preferred Pronouns _____

MEMBER DUES | PAYMENT

\$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Check is enclosed (payable to North Carolina Advocates for Justice)

CHARGE MY: MASTERCARD VISA AMEX

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

SIGNATURE

Dues are nonrefundable and not deductible as Charitable Contributions for Income Tax Purposes. Dues may be considered ordinary and necessary business deductions, except for that portion allocated for lobby expenses. NCAJ estimates that the nondeductible portion of your 2023-2024 dues is 16%.

Dues are paid on our fiscal year | Your next renewal date will be 7/1/2024.

NCAJ MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATION 2023-2024

NCAJ CERTIFICATION: I hereby apply for membership in the North Carolina Advocates for Justice. I believe in the organization's mission of Protecting People's Rights through professional and community legal education; championing individual rights; and protecting the safety of North Carolina's families – in the workplace, in the home, and in the environment. I represent the rights of those injured by the wrongful acts of others, the rights of workers or disabled people, the rights of parties in family disputes, the rights of consumers in debt, the rights

SIGNATURE

MEMBER CATEGORY

President's Club*	\$ _____	\$3,500+*
Benefactor*	\$ _____	\$1,900+*
Sustaining Patron*	\$ _____	\$1,300+*
Patron	\$ _____	\$950+
Attorney (11+ years licensure) ¹		\$475
Attorney (6-10 years licensure) ¹		\$350
Attorney (2-5 years licensure) ¹		\$250
First Year Attorney or Paralegal*		FREE*
Public Service Attorney (11+ years licensure)**		\$250**
Public Service Attorney (6-10 years licensure)**		\$200**
Public Service Attorney (2-5 years licensure)**		\$175**
Retired (Inactive with NC State Bar)*		\$175*
Student Membership (Law/Paralegal) ²		FREE
Paralegal [§]		\$175**

* Includes one free section | ** Section dues \$25 | § Requires certification and/or verification by NC Advocates for Justice member | ¹ Includes faculty at accredited NC Law School | ² Student members are not eligible to join NCAJ Sections

SECTION DUES | IN ADDITION TO MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$95 per section | \$25 per section for Public Service Members

Auto Torts & Premises Liability**	Nursing Home Litigation
Civil Rights	Products Liability, Class Actions & Mass Torts**
Consumer/Commercial Rights	Professional Negligence**
Criminal Defense	Workers' Compensation**
Disability Advocacy	Hispanic/Latino Division – FREE
Eminent Domain	Paralegal Division** – FREE
Employment Law**	New Lawyers Division – FREE
Family Law	Women's Caucus – FREE*
Immigration Law	
Juvenile Defense	

* Attorney members only
** Additional certification required

PRACTICE CODES | CHOOSE UP TO FIVE

Administration	Employment	Other Areas
Appellate	Environmental	Personal Injury
Bankruptcy	Family Law	Premises Liability
Civil Litigation	General Practice	Product Liability
Civil Rights	Gov't Attorney	Real Estate
Condemnation	Immigration	Social Security
Consumer	Juvenile	Traffic
Corporate	Malpractice	Veterans
Criminal Law	Mediation/Arbitration	Wills & Estates
Elder	Nursing Home Abuse	Workers' Comp

of those accused of criminal offenses, and/or the civil rights of individuals or otherwise meet the membership qualifications of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (NCAJ). I am dedicated to the preservation of trial by jury and the advancement of the mission of the organization. I understand that no person shall be eligible for or continue membership in the association, who, for the most part, represents insurance defense in civil matters or the prosecution in criminal matters.

DATE

DIVISION CERTIFICATION

PARALEGAL DIVISION

Please Initial I am currently employed by a member in good standing of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice; I have successfully completed a curriculum of training as a paralegal; or, my attorney/employer attests that I am qualified by training or experience.

I (NCAJ member signature) _____ verify the applicant is employed by my firm as a paralegal.

SECTION CERTIFICATIONS

AUTO TORTS AND PREMISES LIABILITY SECTION

Please Initial I understand that all applicants to this section must be vetted, including by peer review, prior to acceptance. As part of that process I certify that I meet the membership criteria of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section of the NCAJ as set forth below. I understand that my application will be forwarded to the Section membership for review and comment prior to approval by the Section Chair. If approved, and as a condition of that approval, I agree to immediately notify the Chair of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section if I no longer meet those criteria. This Certification supersedes any previous certification endorsed by me. I understand that the use of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Listserv is a privilege of both NCAJ and section membership. This privilege may be suspended or revoked at any time, with or without notice, by the Section Chair and/or the NCAJ Executive Committee as they may deem in the best interest of the Section. The provisions and obligations of the Certification shall be first enforced by the Section Chair or the Executive Committee of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section, who have authority to suspend my access to the Listserv and may suspend my section membership subject to further review and possible revocation by the NCAJ Executive Committee. I understand I have the right to appeal any such suspension of list or section membership to the NCAJ Executive Committee.

Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section membership is limited to NCAJ members engaged in representing plaintiffs in motor vehicle and/or premises liability personal injury cases. Membership is limited to those attorneys and staff who do not nor do any members of their firms participate in the defense of motor vehicle and/or premises liability personal injury claims. Motor vehicle and/or premises liability personal injury claims include claims for sickness, bodily injury (physical and mental) and wrongful death, but do not include counterclaims. Exceptions to this requirement are considered on a case-by-case basis by the section Chair. Further, I certify that should either I or members of my firm undertake participation in the defense of motor vehicle and/or premises liability personal injury claims, I agree to immediately notify the Chair of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section, and I understand that my membership in the section and/or participation on the Listserv may continue only with the specific approval of the section chair and the express waiver of conflict by any affected member.

I understand that no exceptions will be allowed for participation on the Listserv when participating in the defense of an auto or premises case if a member of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section currently represents a claimant in that case. If I, or a member of my firm, represent an insurance company in the defense of a motor vehicle and/or premises liability personal injury claim where another member of the section represents a claimant, the member representing the plaintiff must consent in writing to that attorney or firm's participation in the Listserv while the action is pending. I understand reinstatement requests shall be made to the section Chair.

I certify that I will not forward or otherwise distribute Auto Torts and Premises Liability Listserv messages to any non-member of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section. These messages, and any attachments to said messages, or the substance or existence of such messages, are intended for the exclusive use of Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section members representing plaintiffs in civil actions or claims. Messages may not be furnished to a defendant, defense counsel, defense interest, or any other person not assisting in your case, except as required under the law. I understand this means I may not post to the list for any person not on this section list. If the materials are sought in discovery, I will oppose the discovery, and contact the Chair of the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section. Distribution of materials obtained from the Listserv, the section, or the NCAJ in any form or from any such related source, to anyone who is not a member of the Listserv is explicitly prohibited. Any disclosure or use of these materials except as permitted herein are grounds for removal from the Listserv, the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section, and even NCAJ. I also certify that a violation of the listserv security provisions described herein may lead to my being reported to the appropriate local or state bar association, and any other civil or

criminal remedies as may apply under the circumstances.

For myself individually, and for any paralegal or staff member employed by me who qualifies for and has access to the Listserv and the materials or information disseminated by the Section, I certify that any email address used to receive or communicate with the Listserv shall remain under the exclusive and actual control of myself and/or my firm. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that any paralegal or other firm employee follows the provisions and obligations of this Certification. I further certify that should any of my employees who are members of the Listserv leave my employment, I will notify the Section Chair within three (3) business days.

I certify that I will: (1) use the listserv for professional communication; (2) for purposes that advance the mission of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice. I hereby further certify and acknowledge: (1) derogatory comments of a personal nature about a fellow Listserv member will not be tolerated; (2) advocacy or promotion of any political party or any political or judicial candidate, except that NCAJ may use the Listserv to communicate PAC endorsement decisions to members, provide information about PAC endorsed candidates, and to request member participation in support of the PAC or PAC related activities will not be allowed; (3) any post or message which is likely to subject the Listserv email server to civil or criminal discovery and/or place the privacy and confidentiality of the Listserv into question will not be allowed.

Finally, I understand and acknowledge that the Auto Torts and Premises Liability Section Executive Committee has the responsibility to enforce the provisions of the Certification. In particular, the Chair, Vice-Chair and/or Listserv Security Officer may suspend a member's access to the listserv for thirty (30) days, without first warning, in response to a post in violation of this Certification. A second violation by that same member shall be referred to the NCAJ Executive Committee for review and determination. The Chair, Vice-Chair and/or Listserv Security Officer are authorized to call for an immediate end to any thread, message/post or series of messages/posts which are deemed in violation of the Certification. Such call for cessation of discussion will be made by a post to the Listserv. Any member who thereafter knowingly violates that call for cessation shall be subject to immediate suspension from access to the Listserv for thirty (30) days. A second violation by that same member shall be referred to the NCAJ Executive Committee for review and determination as to more severe additional sanctions.

By my signature I accept these conditions and agree to abide by all of them.

EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION

Please Initial I hereby certify that I meet the following membership criteria of the Employment Law Section of the NCAJ and that I will immediately notify the Chair of the Employment Law Section if I no longer meet these criteria: Membership in the Employment Law Section is limited to NCAJ members who are primarily engaged in representing plaintiff-employees in employment and labor matters. For purposes of this requirement, "primarily" means that more than sixty percent (60%) of a member's employment or labor practice is on behalf of employees.

I further certify that I will not forward, distribute or share messages or information obtained through the Employment Section Listserv or the Document Bank with non-members of the Employment Law Section, including those members of my law firm who are not members of the Employment Law Section. I agree that such information is intended for the exclusive use of Employment Law Section members engaged in the representation of plaintiff-employees and is the work product of the attorneys participating in the Listserv and/or Document Bank. I will not furnish such information to a defendant, defense interest, employer, insurance company, or any other person who is not a member of the Employment Law Section, except as required under the law. If such information is sought in discovery, I will oppose the discovery, and I will notify the Chair of the Employment Law Section of the discovery request.

I will notify the Chair of the Employment Law Section of any suspected or known violation of these membership criteria by any other member or non-member of the Employment Law Section.

No exceptions will be allowed to the above stated membership criteria, except as approved in advance by the Chair of the Employment Law Section.

NURSING HOME LITIGATION SECTION

Please Initial I certify that I meet the following membership criteria of the Nursing Home Negligence Section of the NCAJ and that I will notify the NCAJ if I no longer meet these criteria. This certification is in addition to any previous certification between NCAJ and me. I understand that the use of the Listserv is a privilege of NCAJ membership and that this privilege may be revoked if I breach the terms of this agreement. The provisions of this agreement shall be enforced by the

Executive Committee of the Nursing Home Negligence Section, which has the authority to suspend my access to the Listserv.

Nursing Home Negligence Section membership is limited to NCAJ members engaged in representing plaintiffs in negligence cases. Membership is limited to those who do not currently represent or work on behalf of any nursing home, rest home (including assisted living facilities), group home, or any healthcare provider defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.11 or their agents or employees concerning the defense of negligence claims against such entities or medical malpractice claims as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.11.

Further, I certify that should either I or members of my firm undertake participation in the defense of any nursing home, rest home (including assisted living facilities), group home, or any entity whose actions are governed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.11 or their agents or employees, I agree to immediately notify the Chair of the Nursing Home Negligence Section, and I understand that my membership in the section may continue only with the specific approval of the Section Chair. I understand no exceptions will be allowed to participation on the listserv during the pendency of the litigation being defended by the Section member. I understand reinstatement requests shall be made to the Section Chair.

I certify that I will not forward or otherwise distribute Nursing Home Negligence Listserv messages to non-members of the Nursing Home Negligence Section. These messages, or the substance or existence of such messages, are intended for the exclusive use of Nursing Home Negligence Section members representing plaintiffs in civil actions. Messages may not be furnished to a defendant, defense interest, or any other person not assisting in my case, except as required under the law. If the materials are sought in discovery, I will oppose the discovery, and immediately contact the Chair of the Nursing Home Negligence Section. Any provision or distribution of materials obtained from the Listserv to anyone who is not a member of the Listserv is explicitly prohibited and any such use may expose the person or persons using these materials in such a manner to ethical sanctions by the NCAJ and / or the appropriate state or local bar association.

I further certify that should any of my employees who had access to the Listserv leave my employment, I will notify the Section Chair within 3 business days and will agree to immediately change my login and password information if that employee had access to that information.

I further certify that should any of my employees who are members of the Listserv leave my employment, I will notify the Section Chair within 3 business days.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY, CLASS ACTIONS AND MASS TORTS SECTION

Please Initial

I certify that I meet the following membership criteria of the Products Liability, Class Action, and Mass Torts ("PLCAMT") Section and will notify NCAJ if I no longer meet these criteria. This certification supersedes any previous certification between me and NCAJ. I understand that the use of the Listserv is a privilege of both NCAJ membership and the PLCAMT section and that this privilege may be revoked if I breach the terms of this agreement. The provisions of this agreement shall be enforced by the Executive Committee of the PLCAMT Section, which has the authority to suspend my access to the Listserv.

I understand that the PLCAMT Section membership is limited solely to NCAJ members engaged in representing plaintiffs in products liability, class action, or mass tort cases. Membership is limited to those who do not, and have not for at least 24 consecutive months, defended any products liability, class action, or mass tort claims. Further, I certify that no member of my firm undertakes participation in the defense of any products liability, class action, or mass tort claim.

Further, I certify that should either I or members of my firm undertake participation in the defense of any products liability, class action, or mass tort claim, I agree to immediately notify the Chair of the PLCAMT Section, and I understand that my membership in the section may continue only with the specific approval of the Section Chair. I understand no exceptions will be allowed to participation on the listserv during the pendency of the litigation being defended by the Section member or any member of their firm. I understand reinstatement requests shall be made to the Section Chair.

I certify that I will not forward or otherwise distribute PLCAMT Listserv messages to non-members of the PLCAMT Section. These messages, or the substance or existence of such messages, are intended for the exclusive use of PLCAMT Section members representing plaintiffs in civil actions. Messages may not be furnished to a defendant, defense interest, or any other person not assisting in my case, except as required under the law. If the materials are sought in discovery, I will oppose the discovery, and immediately contact the Chair of the PLCAMT Section. Any provision or distribution of materials obtained from the Listserv to anyone who is not a member of the Listserv is explicitly prohibited and any such use may expose the person or persons using these materials in such a manner to ethical sanctions by the NCAJ and / or the appropriate state or local bar association.

I further certify that should any of my employees who had access to the Listserv leave my employment, I will notify the Section Chair within 3 business days and

will agree to immediately change my login and password information if that employee had access to that information.

I further certify that should any of my employees who are members of the Listserv leave my employment, I will notify the Section Chair within 3 business days.

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE SECTION

Please Initial

I certify that I meet the following membership criteria of the Professional Negligence Section of the NCAJ and that I will notify the NCAJ if I no longer meet these criteria. This certification supercedes any previous certification between me and NCAJ. I understand that the use of the Listserv is a privilege of NCAJ membership and that this privilege may be revoked if i breach the terms of this agreement. The provisions of this agreement shall be enforced by the Executive Committee of the Professional Negligence Section, which has the authority to suspend my access to the Listserv.

Professional Negligence Section membership is limited to NCAJ members engaged in representing plaintiffs in professional negligence cases. Membership is limited to those who do not currently represent or work for, and whose partners and firm members do not currently represent or work for, insurance carriers, self-insured institutions or professionals concerning the defense of professional negligence claims.

I certify that I will not forward or otherwise distribute Professional Negligence Listserv messages to non-members of the Professional Negligence Section. These messages, or the substance or the existence of such messages, are intended for the exclusive use of Professional Negligence Section members representing plaintiffs in civil actions. Messages may not be furnished to a defendant, defense interest, or any other person not assisting in my case, except as required under the law. If the materials are sought in discovery, i will oppose the discovery, and contact the Chair of the Professional Negligence Section. Any provision or distribution of materials obtained from the Listserv to anyone who is not a member of the Listserv is explicitly prohibited and any such use may expose the person or persons using these materials in such a manner to ethical sanctions by the NCAJ and/or the appropriate state or local bar association.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION

Please Initial

I certify that I meet the following membership criteria of the Workers' Compensation Section of the NCAJ and that I will immediately notify the chair of the Workers' Compensation Section if I no longer meet these criteria: Workers' Compensation Section membership is limited to NCAJ members engaged in representing plaintiffs in workers' compensation cases. Membership is limited to those who do not and whose firms do not participate in the defense of insurance companies and employers in workers' compensation and/or tort claims unless approved for membership by the Section Chair. Workers' compensation claims include claims for injuries by accident, occupational disease claims, death claims, medical claims and any other claims arising under Chapter 97 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Further, I certify that should either I or members of my firm undertake participation in the defense of employers, self-insured employers, insurance companies, carriers or adjusting companies in workers' compensation matters and/or tort claims, I agree to immediately notify the Chair of the Workers' Compensation Section, both orally and in writing, and understand that my membership in the Section and/or participation on the listserv may continue only with the specific approval of the Section Chair. I understand reinstatement requests shall be made to the Section Chair.

Further, I certify that I will not forward or otherwise distribute Workers' Compensation Section listserv messages or their content to non-members of the Workers' Compensation Section. These messages are intended for the exclusive use of Workers' Compensation Section members representing plaintiffs in workers' compensation cases. Messages shall not be furnished to a defendant, defense interest, or any other person not assisting in your case except as required by law. I also certify that if I am a legal assistant, I will immediately notify my attorney if I leave NCAJ or the Workers' Compensation Section.

If I am an attorney who has a paralegal or legal assistant using the Workers' Compensation Section listserv, I will immediately notify NCAJ if that paralegal or legal assistant leaves my employment.

Please write your initials beside the Section or Division you wish to join & sign and date below.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE